



**Rear Admiral (Ret.) Fred G. Paavola, R.Ph.,
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Rear Admiral (Ret.) Fred G. Paavola has worked in a variety of private sector and federal assignments. He worked as a pharmacist in both chain and independent stores and many U.S. Army and U.S. Public Health Service facilities. He held numerous leadership positions throughout his career. His career culminated when he was appointed as the Chief Pharmacist Officer and Assistant Surgeon General for the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) on June 1, 1996. He also held collateral duties as Chief of Peer Review during this time. He retired

with over 30 years of service.

As the Chief Pharmacist Officer for the U.S. Public Health Service he led over 1,100 pharmacists in 12 federal operating divisions and programs including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, Indian Health Service, National Institutes for Health, United States Coast Guard, and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

RADM Paavola earned his pharmacy degree in 1970 from North Dakota State University. He is the recipient of numerous awards including a Honorary Doctorate of Science and Alumni Achievement Award from North Dakota State University, Phi Lambda Sigma National Leadership Award, Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association, Linwood F. Tice Award, Drug Topics Pharmacist of the Year, Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Distinguished Service Award, and was inducted into the North Dakota State University ROTC Wall of Fame. He currently serves as the Commander of Arizona One Disaster Medical Assistance Team and is a member of Region IX National Pharmacist Response Team and the Pharmacy Task Force Metropolitan Medical Response System. He is also the Officials Coordinator for Arizona Swimming.